UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (157-1092)

DATE: 3/28/68

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

After the march led by MARTIN LUTHER KING in Memphis, 3/28/68, turned into a riot, Supervisor GEORGE C. MOORE of the Bureau telephonically informed that Assistant Director SULLIVAN had instructed as follows:

Memphis should keep the Bureau informed of developments by numerous teletypes.

In the event there is any indication of Black Nationalist action, or outside involvement, this should be checked out and the information should be furnished the Bureau and appropriate offices.

A teletype is to be submitted to the Bureau by the night of 3/28/68, dealing with MARTIN LUTHER KING's involvement in the march. The Bureau desires the teletype to include:

Why was MARTIN LUTHER KING in Memphis?
Why was the march held?
Did MARTIN LUTHER KING do anything to trigger the violence; what part did he play in the march; how much of the violence is attribubable to KING; did he make any statements on joining the march which could have had an effect on the crowd toward violence?
What time did the violence start?
Was KING present at the time the violence started?
Did KING do anything to control the marchers and to prevent violence?

Mr. SULLIVAN has indicated that although MARTIN LUTHER KING preaches non-violence, violence occurs just about everywhere he goes.

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